

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR
APPOINTMENT OF FULL-TIME MAGISTRATE JUDGE AT RALEIGH
FOR THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA**

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina at Raleigh.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging and may include: (1) conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court; and (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants. The basic jurisdiction of the United States Magistrate judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. §636.

To be qualified for appointment, an applicant must:

- (1) be, and have been for at least five years, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands of the United States, and have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five years (with some substitutes authorized);
- (2) be competent to perform all duties of the office; be of good moral character; be committed to equal justice under the law; be patient and courteous; and be capable of deliberation and decisiveness when required to act on his or her own reason and judgment;
- (3) be less than seventy (70) years old; and
- (4) not be related to a judge of the district court.

A Merit Selection Panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applicants and recommend to the judges of the district court in confidence the five persons it considers best qualified. The court will make the appointment following an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the applicant selected by the court for appointment. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified candidates without regard to race, color, age (40 and over), gender, religion, national origin, or disability. The current annual salary of the position is \$183,172. The term of office is eight years.

Application forms and more information on the magistrate judge position may be obtained at the Court's website: www.nced.uscourts.gov or from Julie A. Richards, Clerk of Court, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. **Application packages should be marked "confidential" and mailed to: ATTN: Clerk of Court, U.S. District Court EDNC, 310 New Bern Avenue, Room 574, Raleigh, NC 27601. Applications must be submitted only by applicants personally and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 23, 2014.** Application packages should include an original application and eight copies of each of the following: 1) cover letter; 2) application form; 3) resume; 4) official transcripts from law school; and 5) any other materials desired to be considered.

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and all applications will be examined only by members of the Merit Selection Panel and the judges of the district court. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential.

The court reserves the right to modify the conditions of or to withdraw this job announcement.